COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 9.

1,000 U. S. 6s 1881, Reg.	107	400 Mich. Cent. R. R.	135½
4,000 U. S. 6s 1881, Coup.	107	300 do	110
125,000 U. S. 6s 5-20s, Coup.	104	100 do	110
2,000 U. S. 6s 1-year Cert.	98½	100 do	110
8,000 North Carolina 6s	57	100 Mich. So. & N. I. R. R.	93
10,000 Missouri State 6s	48	200 do	8½
10,000 do	49	300 do	8
1,000 Mo. 6s N. to Pac. R.	52	300 do	10, 8½
4,000 Tennessee 6s 30	52	100 do	8½
2,500 City 6s 1870	103½	300 M. So. & N. I. Guar.	78½
50,000 Ohio & Miss. Cert.	36	10 Panama RR.	22
10,000 do	36½	100 Ill. Cent. Leasd Stock	97½
5,000 N. Y. Central 6s	86	200 Ill. Cent. R. R. Scrip	73½
1,500 Ill. Central Bonds	102½	100 do	115, 73½
6,000 Alt. & T. H. 2d M. Pf.	50	100 do	73½
5,000 Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	89½	200 do	73½
7,000 Chi. & N. W. 2d M.	75	200 do	110, 73½
5,000 Tol. & Wab. 2d M.	57	400 do	73½
3,000 Alt. & T. H. 1st M.	100	300 Cleve. & Pitts. R. R.	115½
1,000 do	101	200 do	115, 115
1,000 Ch. & T. S. F. bds	102½	100 do	114½
1,000 Chi. & Alton 1 mtg.	101	200 do	114
40,000 American Gold	132½	300 do	130, 114½
20,000 do	132½	300 do	110, 114
14 Bank of Commerce	182	300 do	114½
400 Canton Company	41½	50 Clev., Col. and Cin. RR.	135
200 do	40 41½	300 Gal. & Chic. Rd	115
400 do	100 41½	100 do	115, 115
50 do	41	100 do	115½
100 do	41½	100 do	115½
400 Cumb. Coal Pref.	55	200 do	115½
600 do	55½	100 do	110, 116
100 do	55½	200 do	110, 116
100 Quicksilver Mining Co	49	200 Clev. & Tol. RR.	137
300 do	49½	100 do	137
50 Mins. Mining Co.	7½	100 Chic. & Rock I. R.	105, 137
50 do	7½	100 do	105, 137
100 Pac. Mail Steam. Co.	226	300 do	137
100 do	226½	300 do	136, 138
200 Quartz Hill Mining Co.	13	100 do	110, 138
400 do	13	100 do	105, 137
250 Erie Railway Pref.	102	100 do	110, 137
100 do	100, 104	100 do	110, 137
100 Mariposa Mining Co.	30	200 Chic., Bur. & Q. RR.	135
400 do	30½	50 do	105, 136
100 do	32	300 Mil. & P. du Chien RR.	66
100 do	31	50 do	66½
600 N. Y. Central R. R.	175	100 do	110, 66½
400 do	1-4	200 Tol. & Wab. RR.	63
800 do	105, p. 5	1000 Pitts. Ft. W. & Chi.	83
50 do	105, 15	100 do	105, 106½
100 do	105, 15	100 do	105, 106
1000 Erie Railway	110, 11	600 do	105, 107½
500 do	11	100 Alton & T. H. RR.	105
2250 do	11½	200 do	110, 68
600 do	105, 11½	100 do	68
200 do	105, 11½	200 do	68
200 do	105, 11½	200 do	105, 65
1100 do	105, 11½	100 do	105, 66
200 do	105, 11½	200 Alton & T. H. Pref.	83
100 do	105, 11½	100 do	110, 83½
3100 do	11½	100 do	83½
600 Hudson River R. R.	147	300 Chic. & N. W. RR.	59
200 do	147	200 do	109, 59½
400 do	147	200 do	59½
200 do	105, 147	400 do	59½
600 Harlem Railroad	105½	100 do	105, 59½
400 do	103	200 do	59½
25 Nor. & Wor. R. R.	92	300 do	59½
1,000 Reading Railroad	110½	300 do	105, 59½
500 do	110½	300 Chic. & Alt. RR.	66
200 do	110	100 do	66½
400 do	110½	50 Chic. & Alt. Pref. ex div.	83½
200 do	107, 110	100 Illin. & Missouri RR.	42
300 do	109, 110½	100 do	42½
50 M. & P. du Chien 2d Pref.	82	100 do	43
100 Tol. & Wab. Pref.	74		

SECOND BOARD.

3,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Reg.	108	200 Harlem Railroad	102½
2,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Coup.	108	200 do	105, 103
3,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20's Coup.	106	500 do	100
18,000 U. S. 6s 1-yr. Cer.	98	1200 Reading R. R.	105, 110
5,000 Mo. State 6s	68	1000 do	110½
30,000 American Gold	132½	200 do	110½
800 Canton Co.	41	1000 do	110
500 do	41½	200 Mich. Cen. R. R.	135½
50 do	41½	200 do	105, 134
200 do	105, 41½	100 do	105, 134½
100 do	105, 41½	200 do	134
200 Cumb. Coal Pref.	55	100 do	134½
1250 do	55	200 Mich. S. & N. I. RR.	93½
500 do	105, 55	500 do	93½
200 do	105, 55½	200 Mich. S. & N. I. Guar'd	120
500 do	105, 55	350 Ill. Cen. R. R. Scrip	130½
400 Quicksilver M. Co.	48	100 do	105, 130½
200 do	105, 49½	500 Cleve. & Pitts. R. R.	115½
600 New York C. R.R. exp.	105	400 do	105, 114
250 do	105, 134	100 do	114
100 do	105, 135	100 Gal. & Chic. R. R.	105, 116
100 do	135	400 do	115½
400 do	135	100 do	105, 115½
25 Pacific Mail St. Co.	226	200 do	115½
1500 Erie Railway	113	500 do	115½
100 do	105, 113	100 do	115½
2000 do	113	800 Cleve. & Tol. RR.	137
200 do	113½	400 do	105, 137½
300 do	113½	200 Mil. & Fr. du Ch. R. R.	66
50 Erie Railway Pref.	105, 101	100 Pitts. Ft. W. & Chi.	105, 83
200 do	105, 101	100 do	105, 83½
50 do	105, 101	50 do	105, 83½
300 Hudson River R.R.	147½	100 Alton & T. H. R.R.	60
200 do	105, 146	500 Chic. & N. W. R.	105, 59½
100 do	105, 146½	1000 do	105, 59½
650 do	105, 146½		

SALES AT THE PUBLIC BOARD, 3½ P. M.

200 Erie R. R. ex div.	105, 113	15 Gal. & Chic. R. R. ex div.	114½
50 do	113½	25 do	114
800 do	112½	100 do	112½
300 do	3, 113½	1000 do	3, 112½
300 do	105, 113½	100 do	112½
300 do	3, 113½	300 do	3, 112½
200 do	3, 113½	500 do	105, 113½
200 Hudson R. R. R.	105, 147½	300 Cleve. & Tol. R. R.	137
300 do	147½	400 Chic. & N. W. RR.	59½
100 do	147½	200 do	59½
100 do	147½	200 do	59½
100 Mich. Cent. R. R.	134	100 do	105, 59½
100 do	105, 134½	100 Pitts. F. W. & Chi.	83
500 Mich. S. & N. I. R. R.	93	100 Chi. Bur. & Quin. RR.	126
200 do	105, 93	200 Tol. & Wab. R. R.	62
200 do	93	100 do	62½
200 do	93	100 Canton Co.	41
50 Erie Railway Pref.	105, 101	200 do	105, 41
100 do	105, 101	100 do	105, 41½
100 do	105, 101	300 Cumb. Coal Co.	105, 55
300 Cleve. & Pitts. R. R.	115½	100 Quick. Min. Co.	105, 49
100 do	115½	200 Mariposa Min. Co.	32½
300 do	115½	200 do	105, 32½
200 Chic. & R. I. R. R.	105, 79	100 do	105, 32
100 do	105, 79½	100 Bucks Co. Lead Co.	1½

TUESDAY, Feb. 9—P. M.

Gold upon the street was strong at 139¾ in the morning, and did not vary essentially during the day from 139¾@139⅞. Stocks early in the day were active and firm at last night's advance. Free sales were made to realize profits, but for every seller there was a new and confident buyer. At the Stock Exchange, Governments were strong, and 5-20s higher, selling at 104¼. For August 7.30s, 108⅞@109 is the rate. Border-State stocks are quoted higher, with only moderate sales: Missouri 6s, 68⅞@69. Canton Co. rose to 41@41¼; Del. and Hudson, 600@174; Penn. Coal Co., 180@186; Quicksilver, 49@49¾; Cumberland, 55¼; Pacific Mail, 226@227. Central Transit, 36@40; New-York roads did not sustain the extreme street rates; New-York Central, 133¾@134; Erie, 112¾@113¾; Erie Preferred, 103¾@103¾; Hudson River, 146¾@146¾; Harlem, 103@103¼; Reading, 110@110¼; Michigan Central, 135¼@135¾; Michigan Southern, 93¾@93¾; Michigan Southern Guaranteed, 128; Panama, 229; Illinois Central, 131¼@131¾; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 114¼@114¾; Galena and Chicago, 115¾@116; Cleveland and Toledo, 136¾@137; Rock Island, 128; Burlington and Quincy, 124¾@125; Prairie du Chien, 65¾@66; Fort Wayne, 87¼@87¾; Toledo and Wabash, 62¾@63¼. The Stock market closes irregular, but the tendency, under an increasing supply of money is, upward. The sales to realize profits are kept up with great steadiness, but there is a demand by speculators for a further advance sufficient to keep the daily movement steadily upward. Erie Common was the feature of the day, selling at 113¾@114¾, closing at 113¾ at the Second Board. It is understood that the business of the road is now equal to 8 per cent on the common stock, with all the surplus required for new work without selling any new stock, as has been expected. At the Second Board the market was lower upon the general list. There was a disposition shown to put out sellers' options, which were readily taken. Of the miscellaneous Stocks, Quartz Hill sold at 13@13¼, and Cupake at 13¼@13¾. The closing prices were: American Gold, 139¼; Erie, 112¾; Hudson, 145¾; Michigan Central, 134¼; Michigan Southern, 93; Illinois Central, 130¾; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 113¾; Galena, 115¾; Toledo, 137; Rock Island, 126¾, and Chicago and North-Western, 59¼.

Freights are rather dull and lower for Grain to Liverpool the engagements are: 35,000 bush. Wheat at 3¼@3½d. in bulk and bags, chiefly at the lower rate in bulk; 3,000 bbls. Flour at 10½d. @1s.; per neutral packet, 35,000 bush. Wheat at 3½d. in bags; 1,500 bbls. Flour at 1s. 1½d. @1s. 3d.; 300 tcs. Beef at 2s. 9d.; 50 bbls. Pork at 1s. 9d.; 1,000 boxes Bacon at 12s. 6d. @15s., mostly at the latter rate; 80 hhds. Tobacco at 20s. To London, per neutral packet: 1,000 bbls. Flour at 1s. 7½d.; 100 bbls. Pork at 2s.; 500 boxes Bacon at 17s. 6d.; 1,500 do. Cheese at 20s., and per steamer, 200 bales Hops at £4. ⅌ ton; 200 tcs. Beef at 6s.; 350 boxes Bacon at 35s., and 2,000 pkgs. Butter and Cheese at 40s. To Glasgow, 7,000 bush. Wheat at 6½d. in bags; 500 bbls. Flour at 1s. 9d., and per neutral vessel, 200 tcs. Lard at 20s. To Bristol: 50 tuns Tallow at 17s. 6d. To Havre: 25 bbls. Ashes, and 80 casks Tallow at 40f. To Hamburg: 50 tuns Logwood at 20s. To Marseilles: 50 tuns Beeswax, and 200 hhds. Tobacco at 55f. The carrying rates were: To Liverpool, per American flag—Flour, 10½d. @1s.; Wheat, 3¼@3½d.; Heavy Goods, 10@12s. Per Foreign flag—Flour, 1s.@1s. 3d.; Wheat, 3¼@3½d.; Heavy Goods, 15s. To London, per American flag—Flour, 1s. 7½d.; Wheat, 5½d.; Heavy Goods, 15@17s. 6d. Per Foreign flag—Flour, 1s. 7½d.; Wheat, 6d.; Heavy Goods, 17s. 6d.

Money is abundant at 7 ⅌ cent with a good many balances left at less with favorite houses. Among stock houses the rate is 7 per cent with more offering than can be used. The use of Stamped Five per cent Treasury notes adds sensibly to the ability of the banks to extend their loans, and they are not averse to such a policy, as handsome profits can be made with safety. Commercial paper is not abundant, and when first class can be used at less than legal rates. The market inclines to lower rates for money, and the temper of the street is confident.

There is a demand for stamped 5 per cent notes, in exchange for legal tenders, from savings banks and some of the city banks.

The receipts from Customs to-day were over $300,000.

Mr. Cisco requests the holders of thirty or more coupons of 7.30s maturing 10th inst., to send these coupons with schedules to the Sub-Treasury prior to the 18th inst., on which day, after 3 p. m., the usual checks will be given for the amounts.

Sterling Bills are quoted 175@175½ for Bankers.

The Public Debt of the United States on the 2d of February, 1864, was (official) as follows:

4 ⅌ cent Temporary Loan	$1,526,092 07
5 ⅌ cent Temporary Loan	30,293,474 34
Temporary Loan, Coin	9,547 00
Past Due Treasury Notes	15,100 00
Suspended Requisitions	21,775,069 27
Immediate Liabilities	$53,217,283 68
Old Public Debt	67,421,561 13
Three-Year Bonds	139,536,450 00
Two-Year 6 ⅌ cent Bonds	82,600,000 00
United States Notes	450,585,004 00
Fractional Currency	18,246,280 15
Twenty-Year Bonds	50,000,000 00
Treasury-Note Loan	50,000,000 00
Oregon War Debt	1,016,000 00
5 ⅌ cent Treasury Notes	2,074,4 5 61
Certificates of Indebtedness	137,9 0,500 00
5-20 Bonds	503,095,172 51
Total	$1,473,225,174 35
Less amount in Treasury	4,023,664 69
Total Debt	$1,469,197,449 66

The official public debt is reprinted above corrected by separating, as in the Treasury statement, the temporary debt and suspended requisitions from the regular debt, and correcting a transposition, $82,600 into $82,600,000 of 2-year 6-per cent bonds.

The debt on the 30th of June, 1863, was	$1,091,793,181
The debt on the 2d of Feb., 1864, was	1,469,197,449
Increase in 215 days	$378,399,268

equal per day to $1,720,000, which must be deemed the daily expenses of the Government. The debt, June 30, 1864, should be upon this basis:

Present debt	$1,469,197,449
Add for 140 days	197,800,000
Probable debt	$1,666,997,649
Estimate of Department in annual report	1,680,256,641

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 5 ⅌ cent, payable February 17. Transfers are closed from the 11th to the 18th, both inclusive.

The Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Road earned in January:

1863	$67,129	1864	$102,743
Increase	$35,619		

The Chicago and Alton Railroad earned for the first week in February $30,076, an increase of $1,865 over 1863.

The aggregate exports of produce and merchandise (exclusive of specie) for the past week was $3,475,880.

NEW-YORK CATTLE MARKET.

RECEIPTS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 1864.

				Sheep and		
Beeves.	Cows.	Veals.	Lambs.	Swine.	Total.	
4,262	143	269	11,192	5,177	21,302	

These were sold at the following Market-Places:

	Beeves.	Cows.	Veals.	Lambs.	Swine.	Total.
At Allerton's, 44th-st.	3,568	46	269	496	5,377	....
At Browning's, 4th-st.	206	31	25	3,279	....	....
At O'Brien's, 6th-st.	87	45	52	1,825	....	....
At Chamberlin's, Robinson-st.	28	21	31	5,278	....	....
At Bergen	325	....	....	....	....	....
Sent from the cars direct to butchers	50	....	....	350	....	....
Av. wk's rec's last yr.	5,079	126	687	9,967	21,185	37,062
Receipts last week	5,200	168	369	14,079	15,780	36,512

PRICES OF BEEF AT THE PRINCIPAL MARKET THIS WEEK.

The following are the quotations per pound upon the estimated net weight of meat—seller sticking offal. That is, a bullock whose quarters will weigh 8 cwt., at 10c. a pound, amounts to $80:

	Cents per pound.
Prime, or extra Holiday Beef	11 @12½
The next very best on sale to-day	10 @11½
That generally rated first quality	9 @10½
Medium or good, fair quality	8 @9½
Most of ordinary, thin Steers, Bulls and Cows	7 @8½
Inferior or lowest grade of Cattle	6 @7
The general average of the market to-day, estimated at	9 @—
Extreme range of prices from	6 @12
The most of the sales are from	8 @10

WHERE THE CATTLE ARE FROM.

The Bullocks sold at Allerton's are reported from the following States:

New-York	254	Illinois	1,266
Ohio	577	Iowa	223
Michigan	305	Kentucky	305
Indiana	299	Missouri	55
Pennsylvania	48	New-Jersey	23

They came by the following routes: Erie Railroad, 791; Hudson River Railroad, 1,527; Harlem Railroad, 1,036; New-Jersey Central Railroad, 145; on foot, 45. About 3,300 were in the yards on Monday.

LIST OF DROVERS.

The following are the names of drovers, owners, or consignees of the principal droves, and where the cattle are reported from:

Goff & Mentzer, Ky.	73	G. Andrews, Mich.	70
Thos. Gillies, Ky.	73	Thos. Maloney, Mich.	47
Jas. Johnson, Ohio	51	E. Pritchard, Ind.	67
Henry Westheimer, Ill.	150	E. McDonald, Mich.	32
Henry Westheimer, Ky.	49	Ed. Costello, Mich.	52
I. I. Seymour, Ohio	14	Dave & Adams, Mo.	55
Sam. Shoester, Mich.	19	D. Postel, Ohio	36
Sam. Shoester, Ill.	197	J. B. Stark, Ohio	20
Gossaway & Buckle, Ill.	50	H. B. Miller, Ohio	17
M. Veers, Ind.	31	Fed. Nichols, Ill.	66
Louterback & Sigel, Ky.	113	J. Ryan, Mich.	15
Louterback & Sigel, Mich.	93	A. Wilcox, N. Y.	32
Ben. Westheimer, Ill.	36	Geo. A. Toffey, Iowa	75
F. Samuels, Mich.	34	Morton & Sims, Ill.	266
Rix & Wilson, Ill.	246	J. W. Crabill, Ohio	59
Utt & Crane, Ill.	80	Wm. C. Richle, Ohio	16
P. H. Collins, Ind.	16	John Moss, Ohio	58
T. Harris, Iowa	36	R. Stewart, Ill.	112
Harris & Barrett, Iowa	123	Phil. McCaffrey, Ind.	69
Geo. Mitchel, Ohio	75	Phil. McCaffrey, Ky.	73
Read & Bray, Ill.	161	George Radcliff, O.	47
I. P. Wright, O.	20	E. B. Harrold, Ill.	51
Jerry Church, O.	64	R. B. Graham, O.	17
John Geary, O.	17	M. Beers, N. Jersey	23
John Geary, Penn.	27	Pat. Riley, Mich.	20
Pickering & Co., Penn.	19	M. V. Vance, O.	20
C. Woodruff, Ill.	69	Sinclair & McIntosh, Mich.	20
R. R. Seymour, O.	74	J. Motvande, O.	18
Harlem Local, N. Y.	136	D. Doucherty, Ind.	35

REMARKS ABOUT BEEF CATTLE.

The total number this week, 4,262 head, compares with 5,200 head last week, and with 5,079 head, average per week last year, and with 5,966 for the corresponding week one year ago.

The number sold yesterday and to-day at the principal market, 3,566 head, compares with 4,572 head last week, and with 4,005 head, the average per week last year, and with 4,611 head at market one year ago.

THE OPENING OR PRINCIPAL DAY OF THE MARKET.

Monday, Feb. 8.—We have about 3,300 head of bullocks for the opening day of the market, and that number being smaller than the demand requires, the price has advanced at least half a cent a pound and ranges mostly at 10@10½c. ⅌ lb upon the net weight of meat, seller sticking offal, which in fat cattle reduces the cost of meat to the butcher materially.

Unfortunately the general run of stock does not show fat extensively. There is one drove of really well-fed Ohio Durhams, that will average 1½c. ⅌ lb upon a liberal estimate of weight, averaging about $115 a head. Part of the same drove sold at Albany at $150 each, for the Boston market.

A few extra bullocks have sold here to-day at 14@15c., and none but very mean, thin steers, old cows, stags and shelly oxen at less than 10c., and at these rates the stock has sold readily, and will nearly all be off before dark, and at quite as good rates toward night as early in the morning; no fresh stock being reported for to-morrow, and unless some should unexpectedly come in, the market is likely to close remarkably favorable for drovers.

The weather is in strong contrast with last Monday, being clear, dry, and mild. The Government agent, Alderman Starr, with Mr. Reed, were early in market and would have bought several hundred if the price had not ranged so high. As it was, they picked up about 80, which they estimate will cost full 10c. ⅌ lb net, and concluded to take the chances of fresh arrivals for a further supply.

Their operations, however, undoubtedly stiffened the market upon the butchers, who, in their turn, will undoubtedly stiffen theirs upon their customers, though we believe this advance will not continue, as this shortness of supply is only temporary.

There are plenty of cattle in the West; the trouble is that they have been bought up by speculators at such extravagant prices that the high rates to-day do not save them from loss, for which we have no regrets. The prices are unreasonably high now, and we hope will go no higher. There is no occasion for such high rates.

We said above that the market was full ½c. a pound higher than last week. On looking over the sales, we find that it is nearer a whole cent than a half, and on the average it is a cent and a half. This is because the number of low-priced cattle last week was much larger, and they sold much lower than anything sold this week. And beside this, a much larger proportion of the stock sold this week at high rates, which tends to bring up the average. Then, owing to the State of the weather, the cattle have looked better, and sold easier at top prices and at higher estimates of weight. We do not see how drovers could expect a more favorable market under any circumstances. Yet we find just as many of them complaining to-day as we often have in a very low market. The trouble is, they have bought their stock at such enormously high rates in Illinois and other States that nothing short of a market at 14@15c. ⅌ lb will let them out while freights remain as at present. There are droves in market to-day that cost 5c. ⅌ lb, live weight, in Indiana and Illinois, and others that cost 6c. in Ohio. There are two lots from Iowa which the owners refuse to have reported, because they were offered prices in Chicago that would have made them $6 or $7 a head more money, and they are afraid of being laughed at for their folly.

There are plenty of cattle that have been bought by speculators at 6c. ⅌ lb, which they are holding for a time when they can get 15 cents. Well, that time has come. Cattle have been sold to-day at 15c. ⅌ lb net. So bring on your stock. But mind, it must be equally as good as the one pair that commanded 15 cents to-day. If we see the day this year that the general run of cattle in this market sell at 15c. ⅌ lb, we will acknowledge that those who have been buying stock at prices based upon that price are a shrewder set of fellows than we now believe them to be. They will please to remember that distillery fed beeves will begin to come in next month, and that the stock is large enough to keep speculators down within reasonable bounds.

THE CLOSE OF THE MARKET.

Tuesday, Feb. 9.—Another bright Winter day, only cold enough to stiffen the mud, and could not be better for beef and business. Only some 150 head of fresh stock having arrived, there is no decline of rates, and all the stock sold off before night. Nearly all here yesterday was sold; and, as the average quality was higher, as well as prices better, the average of the market is quoted at 10c. ⅌ lb against 9½c. last week, and 14½c. one year ago, when the top price was 15c.; now it is 13@15c. One year ago the lowest rates were 6½@8c.; now, 9@9½c.

TRANSPORTATION.

The weather of late has given compensation to drovers and railroads for the delays of the first half of January. There never was finer Winter weather for transportation of stock than we have had so far in February. All the roads are working on time, even the New-Jersey Central, though her time this week, as usual, was five or six hours too late for the market. The freight of cattle from the West takes out a large slice of value. It averages upon the run of Illinois cattle about $10 a head. Shippers should calculate for all expenses up to sale about 1½ cents a pound upon the shipping weight. And if you would have your stock come in good order into the sale pens do not over-crowd your cars, because freight is high, and do not try to force your stock along faster than is reasonable. If we cannot stop the outrage upon city meat-eaters, which is inflicted upon them by selling stock to the butchers that has been five days on the cars without food or water, we will ask the City Government to prohibit the sale of such animals. We saw a car load of sheep on Monday from Dunkirk without unloading.

It is for the interest of drovers that a reform should be made in this particular; and, in behalf of humanity, we shall work for it, and those who offend against this much-needed reform must "stand from under." We have no quarrel with railroad agents. We would much rather say ten kind words than one harsh one; but, in the interest of humanity, we ask them and drovers to be kind to the poor brutes. It is only inhumanity to crowd the drovers—it is wicked to oppress the dumb beasts. We want reform in transportation—we want more healthy food for the people. They do not get it from animals that die, or nearly so, of burning thirst and starvation, added to the fatigue of close confinement and a long journey without rest—with no chance to lie down for one moment. A reform is needed in stock transportation. For this let us all, drovers, railroad men and reporters, work kindly together.

DEATH OF AN OLD DROVER.

Edward williams, a well-known drover, and one esteemed by all who knew him, fell dead in the cattle market at Gallt's more last Thursday. He was 51 years and in the full vigor of health, and had no premonition of the sudden stroke that closed his active career.

BROKERS' SALES OF BULLOCKS.

The following, though only a portion of the sales, will show the range of all classes, and how various sorts are estimated in price and weight.

Pickering, Dudley & Colwell, 19 State Stock at 9¾@11c. ⅌ lb for H. & T. Conlover—79 Pennsylvania Stock for R. Ashton, at 9¾@10c. Most of the above sold at Bergen, and some of them of a very low priced variety; 22 good Indiana Steers, to Pritchard, at 11¾@12c.

Thos. Gillies bought at Albany of Ford, 43 head or 8¼ cwt. Kentucky Durhams, good fair medium quality, which sold wholesale here at 11c., and 30 other Kentucky Steers sold at 10½c.

Dan. McElwee sold 17 prime up-country Oxen to Starr, for the army at 12c. ⅌ lb.

Henry Westheimer sold 43 Kentucky Durhams, and 150 Illinois steers, some of which were grass Durham, and all good quality, generally from 6½ to 9 cwt. at 11@11½c.; 57 to Charles Cooper, estimated 12c.

Beach & Bray 101 head of Dunaway's, 6¾ cwt. Illinois steers, at 11¼@11½c.

Vail & Preston, 112 of Stewart's Illinois steers, said to have weighed 1,425 lb at home, and called 7½ cwt. here, but won't sell to average over 7¼ cwt. at 10@10½c.

Sims & Hughes sold at Bergen 19 head of 6 cwt. State stock at 9½c. ⅌ lb for Monson. They also have two lots of Iowa stock, one of 30 and one of 122 head, which the owners refuse to have reported. So we don't say who the owners are. Their names are in the list of drovers.

T. C. Eastman & Bro., 69 head of Utt & Crane's 7 cwt., Ill. stock, some of it rather coarse, sold at 10@10½c.

Also, the best drove by far in market, 50 head of John Moss's extra Ohio Durhams, estimated by owner at 9 cwt., but not generally by buyers and sellers at hardly 11 cwt., and will sell to average 15c. ⅌ lb upon that, or about $135 a head. The top of this drove, 34 head, were sold at Albany at $150 a head, to Wales, for the Boston market, and were estimated by owner at 12 cwt. each. They were fed by Geo. Rinker, Pickaway County, Ohio, a young farmer, and here are the first fruits of his work, for which he is entitled to take rank with the best feeders of that great beef producing State.

Doty & Church, 49 head of Richmond's 7¼ cwt. Ohio Steers, ordinary to fair, at 9¾@10½c., 16 for Yazell, Ohio Cows and Heifers, light 6 cwt., sold at 9@10c.

Shoester & Fisher, 108 head of 7¼ cwt. Ill. Steers, forwarded by Walker, sold to av. 11½c. 25 of Morris & Walsh's 6¼ cwt. Ill. Steers, sold at 10½c.; and 27 sent direct to butchers, av. 10c. upon 6¾ cwt.

Daniel Barnes, bought of Gallies here, 48 head of Ky. Steers, which he estimates at 6¾ cwt., and sold at 11@11½c.

Sigel & Louterback, 115 Ky. stock, part old style and part Durham, av. 7¼ cwt., and sold on their own account at 9¾@10½c.

Barney Hartram, 51 head of E. P. Hamblin's 7 cwt. Illinois Steers, which arrived late, and sold at 11@11½c. Also, 50 head of Adams's Illinois stock held over from last week, sold at 11@12½c., and average 8¼, and pay well for keeping.

John A. Merritt, 14 head of Seymour's good Ohio Durham's, estimated by owner at 8½ cwt. and by seller at 8¾ cwt., sold at 11@11½c. and not many at the lowest figure. Mr. Merritt sold a pair of extra Oxen to Jos. Jamison for $440, estimated at full 12c. ⅌ lb, net. They were fed by Daniel Bennett of Westchester County, and are supposed to be the best in market this week, and as good as we have had any time this season. The home weight was 40 cwt. and here 4,530 lb. At 64 lb ⅌ cwt. they would net 2,899 lb.

Morton & Sims have another large run this week—263 head, one lot of them part of the thousand head they have been feeding this Winter. Simon Ulery sold 39 head, estimated at 7¼ cwt., at 10¼@10½c. ⅌ lb, and Thos. Wheeler 61 head, which he says average 7 cwt. 75 lbs. at home, and are estimated 7¼ cwt. here, sold at 11@12c. Charles Teed sold 60 head, estimated at 7 cwt. at 11¼@11½c., mostly rather coarse. Henry Myers sold 50 head estimated at 6¾ cwt., at which they averaged 11c. ⅌ lb.

Ben. Westheimer, 109 head of Rix & Williams's 6¾ cwt. Ill. steers at 10@10½c., and 30 on his own account, av. 7 cwt., at 10@10½c.

Goff & McIntyre, 60 head of Crabill's Ohio Steers, Cows, Heifers, and Oxen, fair to extra quality, average 7¼ cwt., and sell at 10@11c., and one pair of Oxen, for $260, were full 12c. Also 39 of Sam. Davis's ⅌ cent. Ohio Durhams sold to average 11½c. ⅌ lb.

Charles Woodruff, 119 of Metcalf's 6¾ cwt. Illinois Steers, sold at 10@11c. here; and 129 head at Bergen, at same rate, were ½ cwt. heavier.

Murray & Glover bought of Phil. McCaffrey 50 head of Indiana Steers at $65 each, estimated scale 7¼ cwt. by seller, and at 7¼@7½ by buyer, and retailed at 11@12c., mostly at the highest figure. This drove cost 8½ ⅌ lb at home, and sold at Albany at 9½c.

Geo. A. Kelly, 73 head of Hesbury & Coon's Iowa stock, average 6¾ cwt., sold at 9@10½c., and 24 do. sold at Bergen, at 9c. poor quality.

Martin & Valentine, 14 large Ohio Durhams for Isaac Vanatta, which cost 6. ⅌ lb in Licking county upon 12 cwt. average, sell here at 11@11½c. upon 16 cwt. net average.

E. Cary, 25 up-country oxen, middling to good at 10@12c.

E. Sherman, 40 up-country oxen and steers, 13 to Lider at $113, were 12@12½c. ⅌ lb; 13 to Isaac Valentine at $107 50, were 11½c.; 4 to Chris Gwyer, at $125, were 12c., and the rest sold at 11½c.

Jos. H. Williams, 16 of Richie's 7 cwt. Ohio Durhams sold at 12c. ⅌ lb.

McCaffry & Thompson bought at Albany 74 head of 7¾ cwt. Kentucky Durhams, which sold here at 10@12c., and 50 head of Indiana Steers that would make 7¼ cwt. at 7¾ per cent of home weight, where they cost 5c. per pound, and sold at Albany at 6½c. and here at $65 a head wholesale, and retailed at a commission.

C. C. Colt, 32 head of a mixed lot of State stock, including some scandalously mean old stags, bought unseen of Wilcox, and estimated here at 6¾ cwt., and sold to average 8½c.

M. Phillips, 31 head of Indiana steers and oxen for M. B. Veers, sold at 9@11c. per pound, at $54@$65.

Wm. Florence, 30 of Pritchard's 7¼ cwt. Indiana Steers and rough Oxen, sold at 9@10½c.; 44 of Col. Radcliff's very good 8 cwt. Ohio Durhams, arrived late, yet they sold readily at 12@13c. ⅌ lb.

Isaac Budlong, 55 head of 6¾ cwt. Missouri stock for Dave & Adams, sold at 10@11c., and 37 head of coarse Michigan Oxen and steers, average 7 cwt. for M. McDonald, sold at 9@10½c. ⅌ lb.

S. D. Harring, 80 J. J. Woods good fat Illinois Steers, average 7 cwt., sold at 10½@11c. at Bergen, and 40 of Stark & Wright's common Ohio Steers and Cows, sold at Bergen, to average 8c.

John C. Geary, 17 Ohio Steers sold for Wm. Geary at 11½c. upon over 7¾ cwt., average $60 each. Also, 27 coarse Pennsylvania Oxen for Robert Davis at 9@11c.

MILCH COWS.—The market is not as good, or at least has not been as good during the week, owing to the low price of beef last week, which prevented the swill feeders from turning off their fat stock, which would have made room for more fresh cows. It is estimated that the average price of cows sold here the past month, has been near $80, and that the average of the first week of February is $5 lower. The advance of beef will have an effect again on cows, particularly if they bring in good calves. The range is from $35 to $90 a head, with or without calves, as agreed.

VEAL CALVES are still scarce and high—good ones sell quick at 9@9½c., and any tolerably fair ones at 7@8½c., and very rough at 6c., live weight.

THE SHEEP MARKET.